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At Lackland Tuesday the nation's top WAF pointed out women have a share in national defense since there is more womenpower than manpower.

Col. Phyllis D.S. Gray, WAF director, declared, "Women vote — they control the purchasing power—there are more women than men in the country. This adds up to women owing it to the nation to share in its defense."

In San Antonio from Washington, D.C., for an inspection of service-women activities at Randolph, Kelly and Lackland, she is spending the first part of the week observing reception and basic training carried out at the Gateway base. She will return to the Pentagon near the end of the week.

"I feel that I have been lucky in the Air Force, and that I am an example of the limitless opportunities that exist in it for women," the attractive brunette commented. She advanced from the position of ensign in the Navy during World War II. After switching to the Air Force following a post with the Central Intelligence Agency she rose quickly from major, receiving appointment to the executive WAF job Jan. 20, 1954.

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